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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRN CO

SUBJECT: AIRPLANE FOR COLOMBIAN CIVIL DEFENSE

1. DIRECTOR OF COLOMBIAN CIVIL DEFENSE HAS INDICATED  
DESIRE TO PURCHASE A TWO-ENGINE AIRCRAFT FROM THE  
UNITED STATES.

2. JANUARY 1974 TENDER FOR THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT  
ELICIT SUITABLE BIDS FROM LOCAL DEALERS. THE TENDER  
DESCRIBED THE DESIRED AIRCRAFT AS TWO ENGINE WITH STOL  
CHARACTERISTICS.

3. DEFENSE ATTACHE ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATE  
PRICE OF AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE ABOUT US DOLS 100,000.  
CIVIL DEFENSE WOULD LIKE TO PAY 25 PERCENT CASH  
AND THE REST OVER TWO AND ONE HALF TO THREE YEARS.

4. IN ORDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE, THE  
DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE DESCRIPTION, CHARACTERISTICS,  
AND PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES OF ALL SUITABLE  
AIRCRAFT. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A DESIRE FOR  
INFORMATION FROM:

A) EVANGEL OF ORANGE CITY IOWA. TWO OF THESE  
PLANES ARE CURRENTLY IN COLOMBIA. RANGE OF  
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STANDARD MODEL APPEARS INADEQUATE BUT PROBLEM

MIGHT BE OVERCOME WITH LARGER FUEL TANK.

B) HELECOM OF LONG BEACH, CALIF. HE LIKES  
THE HILIO 10, BUT CIVIL DEFENSE NEEDS A TWO  
ENGINE PLANE.

C) CESSNA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONTACT SUITABLE AIRCRAFT  
MANUFACTURERS ESP THOSE OF PARA 4, AND HAVE THEM  
SEND DESCRIPTION, CHARACTERISTICS, PERFORMANCE  
CAPABILITIES AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO  
COMMERCIAL SECTION AMERICAN EMBASSY BOGOTA  
APO NEW YORK 09895. NEED FOR INFORMATION IS  
URGENT BECAUSE PURCHASE MUST BE MADE SOON.  
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